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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: WORKING GROUP (02.05)

STATE OF PLAY OF VARIOUS PROJECTS

REFS: A. GREENBERG/STROTHER TELCON 9/6, B. GREENBERG/
SRIABINE TELCON 9/7

1. THIS TELEGRAM RECAPS THE STATE OF PLAY OF SEVERAL
PROJECTS UNDER SUBJECT WORKING GROUP AFTER SEVERAL
TELCONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY AND HYDROMET.

2. WOLVES (02.05-11.02)

HYDROMET INFORMED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 7 THAT MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE CANNOT RECEIVE US WOLVES DELEGATION IN
SEPTEMBER. SOVIETS CLAIM THAT WOLVES HERE DISAPPEARED
FROM CAUCASUS WILDLIFE PRESERVE, WHERE US
DELEGATION HAD BEEN SLATED TO DEMONSTRATE TRACKING
TECHNIQUES. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT WOLVES HAD
EARLIER THIS SUMMER SIMILARLY DISAPPEARED FROM SIBERIAN
WILDLIFE PRESERVE, WHICH US WOLF SPECIALISTS HAD
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ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT. HYDROMET REP
REPLIED THAT CLIMATIC CONDITIONS SEEM PARTICULARLY
UNFAVORABLE FOR WOLVES THIS YEAR AND THEY ARE EXTREMELY
HARD TO FIND THROUGHOUT TH SOVIET UNION. HYDROMET REP
UNDERSTANDS THAT US SPECIALISTS CANNOT VISIT THE USSR
DURING OCTOBER, WHICH THEY REGARD AS THE IDEAL TIME, AND
THEREFORE THEY PROPOSED THAT US WOLF SPECIALISTS VISIT

THE USSUR IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. FOLLOWING REF B TELCON, EMBOFF INFORMED HYDROMET THAT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER VISIT ALSO IMPOSSIBLE FOR US SPECIALISTS. HYDROMET REP REGRETTED VISIT OF US WOLF SPECIALISTS WOULD APPARENTLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR 1977 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED IN 1978.

3. RAPTORS (02.05-11.03); HYDROMET REP INFORMED EMB ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT SOVIET RAPTOR DELEGATION CANNOT ACCEPT DR. WARD'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE US DURING THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER. SOVIETS SAID THEY COULD COME TO THE US DURING THE LAST HALF OF OCTOBER OR THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING REF B TELCON EMBOFF INFORMED HYDROMET THAT US RAPTORS WOULD NOT BE LOCATABLE AFTER FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER AND THEREFORE US SIDE SAW LITTLE POINT IN VISIT OF SOVIET RAPTOR DELEGATION. SOVIETS WILL WRITE DR. WARD CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSEQUENT VISIT.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PIPELINES (02.05-21.05) HYDROMET REP STATED THAT SOVIETS WILL CONSIDER REF B TELCON REQUEST TO SEND SUBSTITUTE FOR DR. GRAVE, WHOSE 30 DAY VISIT HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF GRAVE ILLNESS.

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5. WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR PROJECT 02.05-11 SOVIETS ARE PREPARING RESPONSE TO US REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET DELEGATION THAT WILL TRAVEL TO US FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING. HYDROMET REP COMMENTED INFORMALLY THAT SOVIET DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE MESSRS. KRINITSKIY AND ISAKOV AND POSSIBLY SEVERAL OTHERS. SOVIET DELEGATION MAY DEPART USSR ON NOVEMBER 8.

6. NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS (02.05-21) WE INFORMED HYDROMET THAT DR. SHCHERBAKOV'S LECTURE TIME CANNOT BE CHANGED; HOWEVER US SIDE IS MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE HIM TO REACH FAIRBANKS IN TIME TO DELIVER LECTURE AS SCHEDULED.
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